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NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: Two steamships have sailed, both for New Orleans, the *Sunnioa*, carrying 7 passengers with 8 pieces of disinfected baggage; the *Jno. Wilson*, 2 passengers and 5 pieces of disinfected baggage. Copies of certificates given to masters of said ships and to each passenger are inclosed herewith. In the town 1 death has been reported, a native female adult, of cancer. A more extensive inspection of the port and the immediate vicinity permits me to report the sanitary condition good.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: Three ships have been inspected, all bound to New Orleans. On the 22d the steamship *Hiram*, with 2 passengers and 5 pieces of baggage; on the 25th the steamship *Alabama*, with 5 passengers and 5 pieces of baggage, and on the 28th the steamship *Suddal*, with no passengers. All baggage was disinfected. Three deaths have been reported this week, 1 male adult, native, of malarial fever; 1 female infant, native, of enteritis; 1 male adult, native, of gunshot wound. The sanitary condition of Bluefields and vicinity is very good considering the intensely hot and dry season we are now undergoing.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PARAGUAY.

*End of plague.*WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 28, 1900.*

SIR: By direction of the Secretary of State I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a report concerning bubonic plague in Paraguay, transmitted by the consul of the United States at Asuncion, in his dispatch dated March 9, 1900.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,

Third Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

My report for the month of February, 1900, I have delayed somewhat to observe the course of the pest, awaiting an official declaration of its nonexistence in Paraguay. For more than twenty days there has not occurred a single case of the bubonic plague in the entire Republic. The products of Paraguay have been completely barred from entrance into the ports of the Argentine Republic, which country has taken very rigid quarantine measures against all proceedings from Paraguay. On this account the commerce has suffered most severely here. Even for four weeks we had no mail here. The first vessel to bring the mail brought 116 bags. We seemed cut off from the outside world completely. On February 20 the sanitary instructions were from the Argentine Republic that yerba mate, tobacco, and dry skins or hides should undergo a disinfection of

twenty-four hours under solar action, and the skins or hides salted should be submitted to a ten-minute disinfection of corrosive sublimate, and the woods to a vigorous inspection to avoid refuge for rats.

On March 7 Señor Angel Sualdo (who was sent here by the Argentine Republic to look after the disinfection, etc.) appeared in Asuncion, and since this late or above decree from Argentina relative to Paraguayan exportations, new commercial life and movement seemed to begin.

Respectfully,

JOHN N. RUFFIN,
United States Consul.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila.

MANILA, P. I., *March 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to report that during the week ended March 10, 1900, there occurred 2 cases of plague, both resulting fatally, in Manila, P. I. During the same period 1 case of smallpox was reported.

This is the smallest number of cases of plague reported since the commencement of the disease, but I do not consider it indicative that the disease is under control or that the mild epidemic is subsiding.

The smallpox epidemic in the islands is not increasing, and the situation is much more favorable than in preceding years.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *March 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to report that there was an increase of both plague and smallpox in Manila, during the week ended March 17, 1900. Five cases with 3 deaths of the former, and 6 cases and 1 death of the latter were reported during this period.

During the same week 2 cases of plague were reported in Cavite, the United States naval station, 7 miles distant. Both of these occurred among Chinese workmen connected with the navy-yard, and although the source of infection is not definite, still I believe that it was transmitted from Manilla, as there is daily and constant communication between the two places without restraint of any kind.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *March 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to report that during the week ended March 24, 1900, there were 8 cases of plague, with 7 deaths, in Manila, P. I. Of this number there were 6 Chinese and 2 Filipinos. During the same period there were reported 2 cases of smallpox, with no deaths.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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